

AHI: Our Best Practice Guidelines: an update

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Our latest best practice guideline '**Interpretation for diversity and inclusion**' written by Beth Morafon, Damon Mahoney and Iona Keen was launched back in November in time for the conference. It's now seven years since we started publishing these hugely valuable practical guidelines on a whole range of aspects of our work relating to the field of interpretation. The current list of guidelines published on our website is as follows:

- **01 - Guidelines on commissioning and tendering (2013)**
- **02 - Interpretation panels: an introduction (2013)**
- **03 - Interpretive leaflets: an introduction (2013)**
- **04 - Writing interpretation for children and families (2014, updated 2020)**
- **05 - Guided walks and tours: an introduction (2014)**
- **06 - Heritage interpretation and tourism: an introduction (2014)**
- **07 - Interpretive writing (2014, updated 2020)**
- **08 - Introducing a costumed interpretation programme (2014, updated 2020)**
- **09 - Inclusive design: principles and practice (2014)**
- **10 - Thinking interpretively about colour and type (2015)**
- **11 - Creating an interpretation plan: an introduction (2015, updated 2020)**
- **12 - Demystifying evaluation: a brief guide (2016)**
- **13 - Natural interpretation: a brief guide (2017, updated 2020)**

Two years ago, through the AHI newsletter, I invited members to suggest topics for new guidelines and we are currently hard at work developing three new titles: '**Bilingual and multilingual interpretation**'; '**Digital heritage interpretation**' and '**Community-based interpretation**'. I hope these three new titles will be published this year.

We are also really excited by the work that India Rabey (from The Way Design) is doing to support me and our authors in updating all of our existing guidelines. The original authors have been invited to update their text, and India and I are using this opportunity to add more photographs, case studies and create additional interesting imagery for each title. To this end, five guidelines have already been updated and are now live on the AHI website. The remainder will follow through the spring, with the aim of having all fourteen existing guidelines updated by the summer.

I am always looking for new ideas but also help with our existing guidelines, so if you would like to get involved or have a suggestion for a topic, please do get in touch. I can be contacted using the email link on the AHI website or through the office using admin@ahi.org.uk